

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Bill No. 2077, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting immediately after said line  
2 the following:

3 "21.815. 1. There is hereby established a "Joint Committee on Missouri Division of  
4 Workers' Compensation" to be composed of seven members of the house of representatives  
5 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and minority floor leader and seven  
6 members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and the minority floor leader.  
7 The appointment of each member shall continue during the member's term of office or until a  
8 successor has been appointed to fill the member's place when his or her term of office as a member  
9 of the general assembly has expired. No party shall be represented by more than four members from  
10 the house of representatives or more than four members from the senate. A majority of the joint  
11 committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be  
12 required for the determination of any matter within the joint committee's duties.

13 2. The joint committee shall:

14 (1) Investigate disparity directed at injured minorities, low-income workers, and workers  
15 under thirty-five years of age;

16 (2) Make a continuing study and analysis of the division of workers' compensation bias,  
17 fraud, and noncompliance, investigation system, and regulatory agency;

18 (3) Address the need for additional resources to improve the quality of fairness provided to  
19 injured minorities while processing claims in this state;

20 (4) Review and redress for claims that prove to be fraudulent and/or noncompliant;

21 (5) Devise a plan for improving the structured decision making for compromise settlements;

22 (6) Determine the additional personnel and resources to adequately protect injured  
23 minorities, low-income workers, and workers under the age of thirty-five and improve their welfare  
24 and the welfare of their families;

25 (7) Determine from the study and the analysis the need for changes in the statutory laws;

26 (8) Investigate the operations, effects, and administration of the Missouri division of  
27 workers' compensation;

28 (9) Investigate measures and methods for elimination of bias within the program;

29 (10) Request the presence of the director of the division of workers' compensation to answer  
30 questions from the study;

31 (11) Make every effort to meet in at least three urban regions of the state to seek public input

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1 and examine trends in the state for injured workers in those regions and their needs, existing services  
2 and resources, and needed state policies;

3 (12) Make any recommendation to the general assembly necessary to provide adequate  
4 protection for injured minorities, low-income workers, and workers under the age of thirty-five in  
5 this state regarding due process and equal protection rights;

6 (13) Meet within thirty days after its creation and select a chairperson and a vice chairperson,  
7 and meet quarterly thereafter; and

8 (14) Compile a full report of its activities for submission to the general assembly by January  
9 thirtieth of each year the general assembly convenes in a regular session.

10 3. The provisions of this section shall expire on January 30, 2020."; and

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12 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
13 accordingly.